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Labor Unites For Political Campaign Union Leaders Plan Election Strategy

Ballard Advises Members Not To File Immediately For Unemployment Benefits

Charles Ballard, director of Region 2-B, UAW-CIO, advises those being laid off from their jobs not to file at this time for unemployment compensation. Those filing at this time may be classed under the old setup and will receive lesser unemployment payments than that required by the new law.

Under the new law, unemployed will receive twenty-five dollars a week for twenty-six weeks, or thirty dollars if the worker has two other dependents.

In a conversation with State Representative Frank W. King, it was found out that there are several technical points which may affect the amount of compensation which the applicant will get if he files at this time. The attorney general of Ohio will make some important decisions in the next few days. One decision which will be made is the all-important one of denoting which shall be the first day of the week.

This decision is one which may mean the difference between the applicant receiving a total of $462.00, or the sum of $780.00 which is an increase of 69 per cent.

The new law comes into effect on August 22, but due to the mixup of the first day of the week, Ballard is urging the UAW-CIO members to wait until August 29 to file their claims. This will eliminate any chance of the applicant being placed in the old bracket and a smaller unemployment check.

Schultz Die Casters Skilled Group Meets With Trades Council

The Schultz Die Casters group will meet with the Northwestern Ohio Skilled Trades Council at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., it was announced today by Frank Johnson, president of the Council.

The operation and benefits of the Council will be explained to those who attend this meeting. The group will also be instructed as to the method used in selecting delegates, which are prorated in each shop on the basis of one to each plant, or contract, where the group contains less than ten members. Where the group numbers more than ten members, the ratio is one to each ten members, up to one hundred, and one to every 25 members over and above the first hundred.

Representatives of skilled groups and Executive Committeemen of UAW-CIO shops are urged to attend this meeting.

Corporation Lawyers Spill The Beans On Shackles For Labor

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A first-hand glimpse of the kind of strait-jacket some of America's big employers would like to fashion for the labor movement was given during the past week at hearings before a Senate subcommittee.

Corporation attorneys marched before the hearings, played the bogey of "labor monopolies" and "labor frankensteins" for all it was worth, and then came forward with their prescriptions of what to do about it.

The Taft-Hartley Act is just a starter, it was made clear in the testimony of two of the witnesses — Theodore R. Iserman, member of a big New York law firm, and George B. Christensen, who hails from a large Chicago legal mill.

Iserman is counsel for Chrysler Motors, among other corporations, and he helped draft the Hartley version of the T-H Act back in 1947. Among Christenson's clients was George P. McNear, the anti-labor operator of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, who was murdered as a climax of a war against the rail unions on his property.

Christensen's formula for dealing with "big labor" was the most sweeping. He proposed outlawing of all forms of the union shop; repeal of the Norris-La Guardia Anti-Injunction Act; extension of the Sherman anti-trust act to organized workers; shattering of big unions into small ones, and a ban on "combinations of labor in restraint of trade" so broad as to make almost any effective labor activity a crime.

Christensen lamented that private employers in big industries, such as the mines and railroads, "no longer have any real bargaining power" because gigantic combines of labor drive them to the wall."

Iserman came up with a somewhat different formula. He would extend anti-trust laws to labor, forbid industry-wide bargaining, prohibit national unions from compelling local affiliates to go along with any specific wage policy, and place a batch of other restrictions on union activities long regarded as legitimate.

At United Labor Committee Meeting

The above photo shows members of the steering committee discussing problems and setting policies of the United Labor Committee at a meeting held Monday. The leaders in the labor movement, pictured above, are seated, left to right, Oliver Meyers, secretary, Building Trades, AFL; Richard Gosser, International vice-president, UAW-CIO; Thomas Drury, vice-president, Local 907, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; standing, left to right, Charles Bunker, AFL Business Agent; Orville Beemer, co-secretary, United Labor Committee; Harry Shell, president, Local 4, Mechanics Educational Society of America; and Francis Hurd, co-secretary, United Labor Committee.

"Defeat Taft In 1950" Slogan Adopted By ULC

At a meeting held Monday, at Teamster's Hall nearly 100 delegates to the United Labor Committee of the Ninth Congressional District, representing by far the majority of the laboring class of people, fired the opening guns for the coming political campaigns.

Some of the top Union officers attending the session were: Richard Gosser, International Vice-President of the UAW-CIO; Harry Card, President of the Teamsters' Union, AFL; Franz Berlacher, President of the Milk Drivers' Union, AFL; Oliver Meyers, Secretary of the Building Trades, AFL; Francis Hurd, Frank Fischer, and Charles Bunker, AFL business agents; Charles Ballard, Director Region 2-B, UAW-CIO; Howard Seren, President Local 12 UAW-CIO; Richard Lazette, President of Toledo Industrial Union Council; Howard Rediger, Executive Secretary of Toledo Industrial Union Council; Thomas Drury, Vice-President and Legislative Agent of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Harry Shell, President, Local 4, Mechanics Educational Society of America; and Pete Zvarra, International Representative of the Die Casters Division of the UAW-CIO.

All the delegates were in complete harmony and all voted solidly to support the policy and campaign plans of the United Labor Committee. By unanimous decision, it was voted to endorse and support only one candidate for each public office in the coming elections.

The theme and battle cry of the ULC is to "Defeat Taft In 1950." It was made clear at the meeting that all candidates unfavorable to the Labor movement would be campaigned against.

The names and qualifications of several political candidates were submitted for discussion at this meeting. The steering committee will act on the candidacy of the applicants and will choose the most eligible ones for the positions.

In the City councilmanic race, the ULC candidate will receive the first choice votes and the other labor candidates will get the second and third choice votes.

Labor, again this year, will join hands and march side by side in the annual Labor Day parade in a spirit of harmony and unison. This display of might is inspiring to those who come from the ranks of Labor and a reminder to others that the working man has come into his own and must be reckoned with.

In another action, the ULC voted to oppose any changes in the Ohio ballot and to take a stand against the so-called "Massachusetts" ballot which is supposedly sponsored by the Senator Taft forces. It was brought out at the meeting that petitions are being circulated throughout the state asking voters to abolish the present ballot. According to one speaker, the "Massachusetts" ballot is too confusing to the voters.

The United Labor Committee meetings will be held each month, with the next one being scheduled for September 6.

June Strikes Decline, Idleness Increases

WASHINGTON, D. C. — New strikes in June declined to 375 from the May high of 450, according to estimates released here by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, the idleness resulting from work stoppages rose to 4,600,000 man-days in June — the largest work loss in any one month for over a year.

The increase in idleness was due principally to the 1-week "stabilizing" stoppage of over 400,000 workers throughout the coal-mining industry June 13-20, as well as several other stoppages involving up to 20,000 workers each.

Jack Kroll Will Address TIUC Meeting Tuesday

It was announced, today, by Howard Rediger, executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, that Jack Kroll, National Director of the CIO Poitical Action Committee, will address the special meeting of the TIUC at 8:00 p. m. next Tuesday.

According to Rediger, the monthly meeting of the TIUC has been changed from Monday, August 22, to Tuesday, August 16.

Thomas H. Burke, United States Representative from this congressional district, has made arrangements to fly here on that date to attend the meeting. Congressman Burke is former Executive Secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council.

Director Kroll will speak on "The Defeat of Taft in 1950." All delegates to the Council, every shop steward and executive committeeman, and all members of organized labor, including all trade unions are urged by Secretary Rediger to attend this most important political meeting.

Director Kroll will hold a special session with the Executive Board of TIUC at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. All Executive Board members are asked to attend the session and to be there promptly at the appointed hour.

Veterans Asked To Register Early

Early registration will be necessary to insure a full choice of subjects in the fall session of the Toledo Board of Education's veterans training program, Arthur Schrader, program supervisor, announced today.

Registration for the fall session of the program, the only public school adult training program available to veterans in Northwestern Ohio and nearby Michigan, will begin Monday, Aug. 15. Classes start Sept. 6.

The present schedule offers instruction in auto mechanics, auto electricity, auto body repair, commercial art, office management and accounting, cabinet making, tailoring, electricity, mechanical drafting, machine shop, welding, radio, television and aero mechanics. Full time classes will be held in high school shops and classrooms from 3 to9:30 p. m. for full time trainees. Part-time enrollees can attend from 3 to 6 or from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.

The courses are free to veterans using their entitlement under the GI Bill of Rights. Non-veterans can be enrolled on payment of the same tuition fee the Veterans Administration provides for ex-servicemen.

Registration is at the veterans training office, 1916½ Vermont Ave., and at Macomber Vocational High School. Those unable to enroll in person can write the training office for application blanks.

Tobin Adopts New Iron, Steel Rates

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin announced adoption, to take effect Aug. 27, of new minimum wage rates under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act on production and furnishing of basic iron and steel products in amounts of more than $10,000 under contracts let by the Government.

The new rates establish a minimum wage of $1.23 an hour in the North East, Mountain, and Pacific Coast States; $1.19 in the seven Midwestern States west of the Mississippi River, plus the community of East St. Louis, Ill.; and $1.08½ cents an hour in the Southern States.

The new rates replace rates ranging from 45 cents to 62½ cents an hour, by localities, in effect since Jan. 16, 1939. The industry employs approximately 600,000 wage earners.

Secretary Tobin's action is based on study of the record of a public hearing conducted Feb. 23 to 25 by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the Department of Labor. The hearing was held on the petition of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO).

President Commends Monopoly Probers, Again Offers Help

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The House monopoly investigating committee recessed this week to study and digest a long series of proposals for strengthening the anti-trust laws and to await reports from government agencies being prepared under a new Presidential endorsement of the investigation.

As the committee recessed after a solid month of hearings, Chairman Emanuel Celler (D, N. Y.) announced he had conferred with President Truman on the committee's work and that the chief executive had expressed a keen interest in it. He said the President had "asked us to stand firm" and "under no circumstances to allow anybody or anything to deter us in the work."

Mr. Truman, as a token of his appreciation for the importance of the committee's work in investigating monopolies, Celler said, had renewed his offer of cooperation from government agencies. The Committee chairman indicated that some of the departments already were at work under the committee's directions and that some of their reports would soon be made public.

Chemical Workers End 77-Day Strike

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—A 77-day strike of the United Chemical Workers (CIO) at three plants of the National Carbon Co. ended last week after the strikers voted to return to work, though without a contract.

The strike was one of the most turbulent in the city's history, with the company trying every means — injunctions, contempt charges and wholesale hiring of scabs—to break the walkout. Union leaders said unfair labor practice charges would be filed against the company.

Union Winds Up Case For Steel Wages, Insurance

NEW YORK (LPA) — The Steel industry is going to "sweat it out" before President Truman's three man fact-finding board here this week, as it opens its argument against granting the pension, insurance and pay demands already put forward by the United Steelworkers-CIO.

Close to a million workers in the industry will be watching to see how the steel industry can try to duck the facts and figures brought before the fact-finders for a week by experts working for the union.

While the fact-finders will present their report near the end of this smonth, the union and the steel companies will have another 15 days to hammer out an agreement — or to shut down the industry thru a strike.

Here are some of the facts that the steel barons have to overcome:

1—Murray Lattimer, one of the nation's experts on pension plans, conducted a survey of widows of employes of four of the biggest steel corporations. These women, al of whose husbands have died in the past two years, received insurance averaging from $1784 for Bethlehem Steel to $3525 for U. S. Steel. Instead, Lattimer said, they should have had $5809 to $6815.

—The effect of thees pitifully low funds for widows is shown, Lattimer said, by the fact that out of 4000 women sought, the researchers could only find a few more than 400. The rest had disappeared — which probably means the disintegration and breaking-up of the family units when the bread-winner dies.

3—Families would be in better financial shape, Lattimer showed, if they had medical care and disability insurance to keep them from piling up debts.

4—Economist Robert R. Nathan showed that on the basis of June, 1949 material costs and steel prices, the industry could make a profit equal to that of the first three months of 1949 by operating at 80% of capacity. Even in the past few weeks when production hit a low point and started to rise, the industry has operated at about 80% of capacity.

Chicago Labor Editor Dies

CHICAGO (LPA)—One of the nation's dean of trade unionists and labor editors—L. P. Straube—died here last week. A veteran of the Stereotypers' Union (AFL), he had held many posts in the local labor movement, and for the past 20 years was editor of the Federation News, official weekly publication of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Labor Day Beauty Queen Will Be Chosen Sept. 1

The 1949 Queen of Labor Day will be chosen from among the contestants representing the various CIO and AFL shops and Locals on the stage of the Paramount theater, Thursday, September 1, at 8:00 p. m.

The finals in the selection will be held at that time, but in larger shops, where there will be more than one entrant, each plant will hold its own eliminations in a manner chosen by the committee in the plant.

The winner of the Labor Day Beauty Contest will have a place of honor in the parade and will reign over all other Labor Day activities.

Here are the rules for the beauty contest:

1. In order to be eligible for entry in the contest a girl must either be a CIO or AFL member herself or a member of the immediate family of a CIO or AFL member, such as wife, daughter or sister.

2. Forms for shop contests are to be supplied through the shop committee or committee picked for this contest.

3. Each local union or shop unit will be entitled to one contestant in the final Queen contest.

4. It is up to the local or shop unit to pick their own contestant to represent them.

5. Qualified judges will judge the contestants Thursday, Sept. 1, 1949 on the stage of the Paramount Theater at 9:00 P. M.

6. Instruct your winner to have her own bathing suit and high heel shoes.

7. Winner must get identification card from the Toledo Industrial Union Council, 611 Huron Street or the Central Labor Union, 912 Adams St., to appear in the finals and be present at 8:00 P. M. at the Huron Street stage door entrance of the Paramount Theater on Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949.

8. All entry applications must be in the hands of the subcommittee at the Toledo Industrial Union Council, 611 Huron Street not later than midnight, August 29, 1949. All entries postmarked before midnight of the 29th will be accepted.

83½-Cent Hourly Wage Set For Glass Industry

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin has announced that effective August 16, 1949, the wage of employees engaged in the manufacture or supply of products for the Government in the "Pressed and Blown Glass and Glassware Industry" must be no less than 83½ cents an hour. This new wage applies to those employed by employers who enter into a contract with the Government for more than $10,000 under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act.

Tobin made the announcement in adoption of an amendment to the U. S. Department of Labor's 1938 prevailing minimum wage determination for the "Flint Glass Industry." His action is based on the record of a public hearing held last February 9 to consider a petition of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union of North America (AFL), which had requested that the Secretary establish a new rate of at least 90 cents an hour.

In addition to increasing the new minimum wage finding over the 1938 level of 42½ cents an hour, the amendment also establishes a subminimum rate of 78½ cents an hour for beginners under prescribed conditions.

The revised determination also changes the industry designation from "Flint Glass Industry" to "Pressed and Blown Glass and Glassware Industry."

It is estimated that some 36,700 employees are engaged in the "Pressed and Blown Glass and Glassware Industry," as defined in the prevailing minimum wage determination.

Roche Hospital Trustees Dismissal Asked By Union

Demand for the immediate dismissal of Roche Memorial Hospital Trustees Dr. W. B. Sloan and Ashton Haynes was made upon the Lucas County Commissioners by the Public Employees District Council 46, Monday night.

Earl Caton, president of the Council, explained that the two trustees had consistently supported Dr. Frederic Howard, hospital superintendent, in his "free-wheeling suspensions of nurses and nurses' aids." He also declared that, "Howard's dynaflow anti-labor attitude was inimical to the best interests of the institution."

"Dr. Sloan," Caton continued, "has already admitted to me that Dr. Howard is a neurotic and that his attitude is definitely anti-labor."

Both hospital trustees now are serving without an appointment. Their terms expired several months ago.

Part of the CLU's demands upon the County Commissioners is the reinstatement of all suspended employes with back pay. This, Mr. Caton contends, is necessary because they were suspended without proper hearings or reasons being given and in direct violation of the intent of the State civil service laws.

Mr. Caton referred to a recent star chamber meeting between 20 complaining Roche Hospital patients, nurses and employes and the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hilty stated at that time that the whole matter could have been settled without union intervention.

'This is untrue as both the hospital trustees and the County Commissioners knew of conditions at Roche Hospital long before we entered the picture.

"How long can an appointed board of county officials namely the Board of Trustees refuse to recognize the intolerable conditions that have existed in William Roche Hospital since the arrival of Dr. Howard as superintendent?" 'How long," he continued, "will the public tamely submit to the buck-passing, half-truth explanations and actual ignoring of its demands for an open hearing by this group?"

Public Hearing Planned

Plans for a public hearing on the lawn of the Lucas County courthouse already have been approved by CLU executives.

This meeting will be held within a few days," Mr. Caton says, "if the three County Commissioners Hilty, Sanzenbacher and Mohn do no act immediately to clear the situation, which has brought William Roche Hospital into undeserved disrepute throughout Ohio."

Dr. W. B. Sloan, acting chairman of the hospital board of trustees, was quoted in Tuesday's press as "knowing nothing" about any August 15 deadline set by the County Commissioners for cleaning up the Roche Hospital situation.

He added he had "nothing to say" about the matter.

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UN Okays Fact-Finders To Protect Trade Union Rights; US Seeks Slave Labor Probe

GENEVA (LPA)—Russian delegates to United Nations' Economic and Social Council were pretty uncomfortable last week as the labor policies of the Soviet Union were attacked on two fronts.

First of all ,the Council finally authorized an investigation of trade union rights, calling on the Int'l Labor Office to set up a fact-finding commission to hear complaints from unions, look into conditions in individual countries, and offer its services as a conciliator to unions and governments.

The Russians had wanted the Counci lto by-pass the ILO and set upits own commission with representatives from the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions and Latin-American Labor Confederation.

Secondly, United States delegates proposed a UN commission to investigate forced labor thruout the world.

Earlier Russian denials that slave labor existed within the Soviet Union were squashed when Britain introduced indisputable evidence to the contrary. British delegate Corley Smith accused the Soviets of harboring at least 10,000,000 slave workers in 'mass production."

Russian delegate Amasasp Arutiunian defended the Soviet law on work camps as "humane." The forced labor centers, he said are for "re-education purposes."

The American resolution urging an investigation was introduced by Assistant Secretary of State Willard Thorp. It would set up an 11-man commission to hold hearings in any country.

Thorp said that the U. S. is willing to "accept a process of impartial inquiry wherever the chips may fall." He acknowledged that some bad cases may be turned up in Britain and the United States as well as anywhere else.

The British, however, opposed such a commission on the ground that unless a sufficient number of countries would agree to let the group inside their boundaries, it would be useless.

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Summer School Plans Are Completed

Columbus, Ohio, August 12—Plans have been completed for the fisth annual Ohio C. I. O. Council Summer School, Secretary-Treasurer Jacob Clayman announced today.

For the second year, the Summer School will be held at Tar Hollow Group Camp, near Chillicothe. Tar Hollow is the only state-owned group camp in Ohio. The school will begin Sunday, September 11 and run through Saturday, September 17.

Primarily designed for the intensive training of C.I.O. members for useful service to their Unions and Councils, this year's school will place emphasis on political action.

A variety of courses will be offered, all under competent leadership, Clayman said. He added that last year's success forum series will be continued.

Tuition is kept in a minimum with the total costs for tuition, room and board being $30 a week. Registration is limited to 125 and Clayman urged that reservations be made early.

The list of classes and instructors follows:

"How to Get Results Through Political Action"—Henry Zon, Director of Public Relations, National CIO-PAC.

"Psychology for Workers"—A. A. Liverright, Director, Union Leadership Training Project, University of Chicago.

"How to Carry Out Collective Bargaining" — Hal Wilensky, Union Leadership Training Project, University of Chicago.

"How to Administer a Local Union Successfully"—I. W. Abel, Director, District 27, United Steelworkers of America.

"How to Do Expert Mimeograph Work"—Leland Beard, International

Vice-President, Federation of Glass, Ceramic and Silica Sand

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Action Needed On Unemployment

"Unemployment is a basic challenge to the present ways of running business" in America and a challenge that "must be met successfully," the CIO Economic Outlook warned in its current issue, made public today.

"We cannot afford to let things drift into a real depression situation," the publication, issued by the CIO Department of Education and Research, declared. "Nor will American workers be satisfied with merely an end to the downward trend. Our population and ability to produce are constantly rising. So must output and levels of living."

The Outlook urged a comprehensive program by government to combat unemployment and stimulate full-production policies by industry, and it called for an immediate and far-reaching overhaul of the country's unemployment compensation system—which it said is quickly needed to "protect the American people from suffering."

America's influence in the world is at stake in the current economic problem, the Outlook said, for "if democracy cannot provide jobs and food, people throughout the world will in despair turn to false leaders, either fascist or communist . . .

"Only reaction and communism gain through unemployment. We want neither in the United States. But they will flourish if we do not prove that democracy can successfully maintain full employment and lead to ever higher standards of living."

The Outlook charged that "certain corporation officials welcome the return of fear of layoffs as a necessary aid to factory discipline," and that "some reactionary employers have been waiting for unemployment as their chance to smash unions."

Some diehard employers, with the help of the Taft-Hartley Act, might be able to use a period of unemployment to destroy some unions, the Outlook said, "but they can't break the desire of American workers for decent homes, food and a fair chance for their kids. Workers will still seek the American dream."

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Can Set Wage Pattern

United Auto Workers-CIO asserts that "Ford workers set a pattern for wage increases thruout the basic industries" this year. Key negotiators are left to right: Dave Harmon, secretary of the Ford bargaining committee; Gene Prato, chairman of the committee; UAW President Walter Reuther; and Ken Bannon, director of the UAW Ford Department. (LPA)

Rejection Of Brannan Farm Plan Means Higher Food Costs

by NATHAN ROBERTSON

WASHINGTON (LPA) — If Congress turns down the Brannan farm program, as the House already has voted to do, and American housewives catch on to what this costs them in higher food prices, Congressional conservatives are likely to be slaughtered in next year's Congressional elections.

Congressmen who voted against the Brannan program would try desperately, of course, to conceal from the voters the fact that, instead of letting prices go down, they voted to make city folk continue paying such prices as 20 cents for a quart of milk, 65 cents for a dozen eggs, and 70 cents a pound for hams.

But it shouldn't be too dificult for the Administration to get the story across to the voters because the essential difference for consumers between the Brannan farm program and the others under consideration in Congress is the price of food and the waste of pesishable food. That is an issue on which President Truman could "ring the bell" at every "whistle stop." City folks could be expected to show their resentment at the polls.

Many people do not understand that there is no dispute in Congress today over supporting farm prices to assure the farmer of a fair share of national income. That is the farmer's "minimum wage" law. The big question is how to do it—and that "how" involves a tremendous stake for consumers of food.

The present method, which the House has voted to continue, provides that where there is more of a given crop consumers are willing to buy at what the figures show is a fair price for farmers, the government should buy the surplus in order to keep the price from falling.

Last year, for instance, there was a tremendous oversupply of potatoes. If the government had not intervened, the retail price probably would have dropped from about 5.5 cents a pound to about 3.5 cents. But at that price the farmer would have lost money, so the government stepped in and bought 133,000,000 bushels to keep the price to the farmer up to about $1.67 cents a bushel. That cost the government about $224,000,000 because the potatoes were of no value and it cost the government additional money to dispose of them.

What was the result? The consumer paid two cents extra for every pound of potatoes he bought, and in addition will have to pay taxes to cover the government's buying. Meanwhile, millions of bushels of good nutritious potatoes were wasted. Somewhat similar results would come under Senator Aiken's plan, which Congress also is considering.

Under Secretary Brannan's program there would first be an effort to get the farmers to produce less potatoes and more of the things we need, such as meat products, thus tending to lower meat prices. But if there still remained a surplus of potatoes the government would not attempt to hold up theprice. The price would be allowed to fall to its natural level, and consumers would benefit. The government would make up the difference in direct payments to the farmer. Anything the government paid to producers would be more than covered by the savings to consumers and the extra expense of $244,000,000 would be saved. Under this plan more potatoes would be eaten by people who could buy them as the price dropped instead of being destroyed by the government — or sold for non-food uses at a loss.

Today we face the same situation—to a lesser extent — in a number of food commoditie.s The government is buying not only potatoes, but such valuabl foods as eggs, butter and other manufactured dairy products. Soon it may have to buy hogs to assure farmers a fair price. All of these are perishable commodities and ifthe government buys them they may be wasted or shipped instead of providing food for hungry people in this country.

Take eggs as an example. During the first si months of this years the government paid almoxst $60,000,000 for 46,000,000 pounds of dried eggs in order to assure the farmer of a market for his eggs at a fair price. The consumer not only has to make that up—in taxes — but he also had to pay an average of almost 65 cents a dozen for eggs. In other words he is paying twice.

Under the Brannan program, the government would let the price of eggs fall to the level at which people could afford to buy and eat them all. Millions of dozens of eggs would be consumed by hungry people instead of being wasted. Savings to consumers would more than reimburse them for the taxes needed to subsidize the farmer.

Republicans in Congress are charging the Brannan program would cost up to four billion dollars this year alone on only two crops. Agricultural experts deny this—but one thing is sure If any such cost was involved the savings to consumers would be even greater, because the only cost would be the cost of making up to the farmer some of what the consumer was saving.

Next time you hear a Republican or a Southern Democrat talking about how much the Brannan program would cost remember that the figure he is using is only part of the higher costs he is proposing to levy against you for food. And remember too, he is proposing to get those higher prices by destroying some of your supply of food.

GM Profits Over Last Year Period

DETROIT (LPA) — The auto industry has a lot of explaining to do when it tells United Auto Workers (CIO) it can't afford to meet contract demands this year.

Figures released by General Motors Corp. last week reveal that GM has a new peacetime employment peak, produced a record number of cars in the last three months for the highest sales in its history, and had net profits for the three months 50 per cent over those of the same period in 1948.

In 91 days, the auto company made $166,915,000 after all the taxes and other deductions, bringing this year's clear take so far up to $303,678,643.

The Studebaker Corp., too, upped its income more than 30 per cent over the same quarter last year, reflecting record high sales.

No Recession Coming Wright Tells Teachers

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—America is not headed for a serious recession or depression, Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright told delegates attending the annual convention of the New York State Federation of Labor here.

The solid foundation of social and economic legislation laid in President Roosevelt's New Deal and President Truman's Fair Deal programs serves to help prevent a depression, Wright added.

"That is not to say that President Truman and Secretary of Labor Tobin are not concerned over the spotty unemployment picture," Wright declared. "But they are doing something about it.

"The President, in his economic report to the Congress, asked that a basic 11-point program be adopted in the present session to aleviate the spotty unemployment picture in certain industrial areas. A coordinating committee has been established by the President in which the Department of Labor is participating."

Wright emphasized that in this period of readjustment, we must go ahead with socially important enterprises, such as housing. He pointed out that the President's program includes specific recommendations for dealing directly with the problem of unemployment."

Compensation Board Makes New Ruling

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 12—A person who refuses an offer of work for which he is reasonably fitted because that job pays considerably less than a similar job previously held may not be eligible for unemployment benefits, the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review ruled yesterday.

The Board's unanimous ruling came in the case of an Akron woman who had refused to accept a job as a bookkeeper at $215 a month after having been laid off as a general bookkeeper for two concerns which had paid her a total monthly salary of $300.

The Board pointed out that under the law, a benefit claimant "must accept any offer of work for which she is reasonably fitted if the remuneration for such work is not substantially less than the prevailing rate for similar work in the community."

Testimony revealed that the local prevailing rate for the type of work offered in this case was $185. The fact that the woman had previously been paid more and had held a more responsible job, the Board said, had no bearing on her benefit rights.

Murray Hails Gov. Bowles

Congratulations on achievements of the Connecticut legislature were forwarded to Gov. Chester Bowles last week by CIO Pres. Murray.

Bowles, Fair Dealer and one-time OPA administrator, was elected last year with strong labor support.

"Your record of achievements during the last session of the Connecticut Legislature demonstrates that our confidence in your leadership in the State was fully justified," Murray wrote.

Murray cited measures dealing with housing, safeguards against evictions, ending of segregation in the National Guard, improvement in state mental hospitals, and beginnings of the reorganization of the governmental machinery.

"It is to be regretted that the reactionary Republican majority in the Connecticut House of Representatives obstructed enactment of the legislation which you recommended to improve the unemployment and workmen's compensation laws," the CIO president told Bowles.

"I know that your vigorous leadership in the last several months will insure you the continued support not only of the membership of the CIO in the state, but also of all similarly enlightened citizens who believe as we do in sound, progressive state government."

Union 'Outwits' Steel Companies, Say Times

NEW YORK (LPA) — The Sunday financial section of the New York Times is hardly the place to find tributes to labor's case for wage boosts. But last week, page one of the financial supplement carried a report by Charles W. Egan, conceding that "the industry had been 'outsmarted' by Philip Murray and his steel workers," because the union wage demands were timed to hit the papers at the same time that quarterly reports of the steel companies showed soaring profits. Steel industry spokesmen, Egan wrote, are "conceding that the first six months of this year provide ammunition for the union spokesmen."

75c Wage Fight Reaches Both Senate And House

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Despite the desparate efforts of high-paid lobbyists for industries paying as little as 40c an hour to workers, the 75c minimum wage bill is finally ready for vote in both House and Senate.

The Senate's action has been delayed by the long drawn-out fight over ECA funds and the North Atlantic Pact.

On the House side, an intricate parliamentary maneuver will be required to bring the measure to the floor. Then, the proposal on which the Congressmen must go on record will raise the wage floor to 75c, extend the protection of the wage-hour law to merchant seamen, and extend the 40-hour week proposal to some workers on bus and air lines.

The Senate bill also provides that the Wage-Hour Administrator can sue for damages on behalf of workers who are underpaid, and would strengthen the Fair Labor Standards Act's restrictions on child labor. The Senate measure would cover workers in the "area of production" of agricultural products.

Several southern Democrats have been pushing in the House for a provision tying the minimum wage figure to the consumers' price index, with the minimum wage rising when living costs rise, going down when living costs sink. This plan, opposed vigorously by the unions as simply accelerating the harm inflation or deflation does to the consumer, is believed virtually dead.

Congressional Quarterly, which checks pressures on Congress in detail, comments that "So many groups came to Congress seeking exemption from (wage-hour) coverage because of particular difficulties in their industries that one Representative was prompted to say that it appeared that everyone is in the wrong business." These seekers for special exemption from the proposed 75c minimum wage are expected to try hard to get friends in Senate and House to propose limits on the present coverage of FLSA.

Murray Made No "Deal" On Pensions

The united Steelworkers made no "secret deal" with the industry last year that it would forego asking for pensions in return for last year's 13c wage increase.

USA-CIO Pres. Mrray made the made denial—an angry, emphatic denial—of charges banied about by Vice-Pres. John Stephens at a New York press conference. Stephens clàimed that there was an "understanding" about the pension demand.

"In answer to Mr. Stephens—no such agreement exists," Murray retorted in a statement issued at USA-CIO headquarters in Pittsburgh. "The only agreements we have are contained in our contracts. We have no secret understanding with Mr. Stephens in this or any other matter."

The Stephens statement is part of the industry's claim that pensions should not be negotiated during current bargaining sessions. The union presented elaborate legal and economic arguments to the U. S. Fact-Finding Board on the "bargainability" of pensions at this time.

Murray, in his statement, took a slap at Stephens' issuance of a press statement - "on a matter pending before Pres. Truman's fact-finding board . . . We feel that the issuance of an 'ex parte' statement when the issue in dispute is before the board is grossly improper."

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By RALPH YOUNG, Secretary

Champion Reef Fishing Club

The Champion Reef Fishing Club had 4 boats out in the Canadian waters on Sunday August 7th. On one of the boats, the crew aboard knows just how it feels to be left out in the middle of the lake without gas and a dead battery and most of all—the way it happened—Bright and without a pair of oars. This is early, 4:00 a.m. to be exact, the crew of seven happy fellows including, John Conrad and Al Brown from Champion, Skippy Will, Surface Combustion, Marty O'Keefe and Connell from Toledo Edison and Frances Kurtz, Jr. and his dad all met at the dock in Port Clinton were discussing the swell day it was to go out fishing because the sun was coming up so bright and the sky was so clear. The crew went aboard and started for the Canadian waters to have a grand time, believing they had enough gas.

Everything went swell as they headed out to the reefs. The fish were biting and Skippy caught one of the largest pickeral of the year, it weighed 8½ pounds and was 34 inches long. Along with this one he caught one weighing 5½ pounds. The rest of the men were catching fish between 2½ and 3½ pounds when it happened—First one of the members lost his entire fishing outfit, rod reel and line; second, the motor went dead and so did the battery; third, they put out a s.o.s. and a cruiser came out and towed them back to the other boats belonging to the party.

They had to borrow a battery from one of the other boats and everything looked good for the time being, but the good luck didn't last long for they ran out of gas and had to sit there for about 3 hours until a friend came to the rescue. Oops! was none other than Fred "Bozo" Hohenbrink of Dept. H. electrician. He offered to go after gas for them at Pelee Island and they had to wait for 3½ more hours. They hailed another boat which towed them almost back to shore when friend "Bozo" showed up with their gas, in a 55 gallon drum and no way to put it into their gas tank. They finally found a 5 quart pail and started to transfer the gas from one boat to another, spilling 3 quarts out of 5.

They started back to the dock at 9 p.m. and when they arrived at the dock they discovered that the Coast Guard was out looking for the two boats with the tired and hungry guys from the Champion Reef Fishing Club. They caught 23 nice pickeral and 4 large sheephead.

Who was the guy who became sick or sea sick after they ran out of gas? We wonder, Skippy, if it was from the boat rocking or were you scared a little?

Don't forget the Reef Fishing Club's picnic on August 27th at Lady of Lourdes Grove on Hill Avenue. The drawing will be held at that time, also.

The top honors of the day, with the Reef Fishing Club, went to John Conrad when he yelled out: "I got one!" He became so excited, when he saw "it" jump out of the water about 300 feet from the boat, he told everybody to move over so it wouldn't get away. After reeling in for the next 15 minutes, he finally got it up by the side of the boat and to his great surprise, he had a tree limb on his hook and three of the other fellows' lines tangled up with his. That was all Johnny caught the rest of the day. (Anyone wishing to "enjoy" French Fries and an old tree limb, go to Conrad's house after his next fishing trip.)

Dept. G 1st shift

Well, everybody is back (almost everybody), looking healthier and happy. There were a few unhappy anglers, including Joe Bltsfpk from dept. L. I. think he must have jinxed the entire Upper Pennisula of Michigan this time. A very good job of jinxing. How about that, Orv?

Dept H 1st shift

Ed Tiller and Dutch Kasch have turtle meat to sell. 70c a pound dressed and 30c on the hoof. (Sounds like someone is going to get even for no fish luck. Congratulations fellas.)

Dept. D 1st shift

Mattie Carr, wife of John Carr of H in D is having good luck with her hand laundry, so we are told. In case anyone missed her phone number the last time we will give it to you again—Lu 7-2793.

Union Office 1st shift

A request has been made to reprint one the recent columns. It seems as though it got quite messed up in the process of printing We will not be able to oblige the Colonel this week but we will handle that matter in the near future.

Dept. D 1st shift

Eddie O'Rourke, Eng. Insp.; Charley Gale and Bill Karmot went fishing during vacation and Eddie caught a clam. He checked the clam thoroughly to see if there were any pearls in it. Later, Eddie was sounding to see how deep the water was (he uses a stick) and he almost fell in. If any of the lake steamers needs a good sounding man for uncharted waters, see Ed O'Rouke. Bill Karmol reports that he enjoyed the drink that Eddie didn't give when they arrived at Ed's house. We understand he has a quart of good whiskey.

Dept. L 1st shift

Larry Remley reports that Frances Hartzel was the lucky ticket holder in the Sea Bee raffle. She won $50 and we are glad one of the Champion gang was lucky.

Congratulations

Angeline Rogers, formerly of department D 1st shift, became the very proud mother of a baby boy on July 22nd. Little Rogers is a husky 8 pound future football player. Congratulations to Angeline and thank you for letting us know the good news.

Eddie Scott, dept., AA 1st shift, celebrated during his vacation. He became the proud father of another baby boy. That makes two boys for the Scott family and we wish to congratulate Mrs. Eddie Scott.

Jim Vinson D 2nd shift

Vacation briefs—Chet Hughes used his vacation period to improve his golf game—watch out, Chiaverini!

Kenny Laver motored 5200 miles through Michigan, Wisconsin, the Black Hills of S. Dakota. Yellow Stone, the Jackson Hole Country south of Yellow Stone, Colorado and like a famous paint—"Covered the Earth."

Whitey Barkholt caught up on his work around his home and spent hours writing up Jim Vinson. (Thanks for the plug, Whitey. Jim.)

Marion Taylor and Cecil, her husband, motored to Wisconsin Dells, Al Linser and his family enjoyed a cottage at Vermillion, Ohio. Johnny Grant went on a fishing trip to Canada and promised to send us a mess of fish in return for some worms: these I was to share with Ed Blum. Ed got the fish—a picture of a big one on a post-card with a guy riding it. Eddie Blum has a real peeve. Johnny Grant promised to bring him a quart of good Canadian whiskey. Johnny had the bottle ok, but the group became thirsty on the way home, so all Eddie got was a post card fish and an empty bottle. (Canadian bottle, no doubt.)

Helen Riley and Jim Ubry traveled to California for their respective vacations—by separate routes, however. Alma Harper visited Niagara Falls and entertained guests later at home. Cecelia Raczkowski is greatly improved in health, having gained eleven pounds during the two weeks. Irene Albertson enjoyed her stay at Lake James, Ind. Gladys Stephens and husband treated themselves to the interesting atmosphere of Cape Cod. Beulah Wolmuth visited her mother in beautiful Pennsylvania. Fanny Lowe was the unhappy victim of theft—her entire vacation pay. We weep for you, Fanny.

The Don Welches reveled in the cool waters of Bird Lake, Michigan. Delbert McConnell fished at Fox Lake, Wisconsin near the Illinois line. Marian Franks and husband motored to Niagara Falls and other points in New York State.

According to most of the reports of various fishermen, not a single big one got away and none were caught. Astounding!

We omitted saying that Chet Hughes, between golf matches, enjoyed entertaining his mother-in-law. Ann Osmanski and husband and little Ronny visited Ann's grandmother near Alpena, Michigan. Ann reports they saw nine dear one evening near her grandmother's home.

Colonel Tarver E 2nd shift

Inadvertently the article about this column's "Editor-in-chief" had its head decapitated and to further complicate matters, this severed piece was buried within the body of another item. However, in the technicalities of the publishing business, these things occur regularly, notwithstanding, the fact that every precaution known to fallible man is exercised against it. Now that we've apologized for our own ineptitude, let's set the record straight by printing the aforementioned heading as the copy had it, namely: The man who heads this column, etc.

Of course, I knew that all the material that went into this column's make up was processed thoroughly and painstakingly but it was a humorous revelation to me when I read that it is being "combed", like combing your hair. Tsk! Tsk!

As you may remember, two weeks ago, I had an article dealing with the wedding anniversary of the Duffey's. In that connection, I used the word marital which when spelled with the letter "I" before the "T" it means pertaining to Marraige, such as marital happiness. But when the final draft of this copy appeared in print, in some unaccountable manner, the word marital became MARTIAL. As you know this word has a vastly different meaning. Martial means pertaining to the military, or we appropriately describe the music of a military band as being martial music. The reason we give this lengthy explanation is, so that no one could think that we intentionally used the wrong word, especially when the current subject relates to an important event in the life of a married couple.

Beamed Thru The Air

Oil Workers Int'l Union-CIO has started a new education program for its hundreds of members scattered at production fields and refineries thruout California. The program is broadcast by radio from station KMJ in Fresno. Participating in the first discussion on "Full Employment" are left to right: Paul Jacobs, district educational representative of the union, E. L. Stanfield, member of OWIU rank and file executive committee, and refinery worker Al Lynch. (LPA)

Women's News And Views

By Odessa Overy
Secretary Women's Bureau
Region 2-B

With the economical stability in our country sort of on the shakey side, and more and more of the workers being laid off every day, I think that the workers should try to plan their future so that they will not be left holding the sack again if there should be a depression. Some folks seem to think that there is a depression already and you can't blame them much, for there are so many who haven't worked for two or three months and some for even longer than that. This should help to put the lucky workers on their guard.

So don your thinking about the future, your future and help yourselves a little bit and do something about it. If everybody just sat back and waited for the other guy to do the thinking for them they wouldn't get very far.

Some folks think that th members of the bargaining committee are only out to get all of the bribe they can get, but let me tell you they are not all like that and the biggest share of them will do the democratic thing, and do all in their power for you. The bargaining committee has a lot of other things to do besides collective bargaining, greivances, contracts etc. For in the most shops the committee has set up committees within the committee and steward body to look into different phases of things that they think will effect the workers and their families.

They have the legislative committee that investigates the bills that are to go to congress, in the state capitol as well as the federal capitol in Washington. I have heard many people say, "Why don't the unions stay out of the political situation, they have plenty to do within their own union, sticking their nose in politics."

Well, it is just this way folks, if it wasn't for the unions sticking their noses in what some of you people think isn't our busoiness, you better get educated. Who is it that helps to get some of these laws passed that is good for labor? Who sends caravans down to the state capitol when there is an important bill coming up? I'm certain that it is not you, it is some of those conscientious union members and officers who take this initiative on themselves for the purpose of all humanity.

This is all leading up to one thing, and that is that the union has made it possible for you to stabilize yourselves and feel more sure of yourselves through the co-operative movement.

Through some of our members we have now purchased ground to open our first co-op super store. This super store will not be like the rest of such type stores, for it will undersell all of the other super stores on all of their products, not just on a few items. And besides all of this, all members will get a rebate at a rate of up to 4% on the over-all sales per annum which is nothing to sneeze at. Especially if we do have a depression such as we had in the early thirty's. Your membership share costs only TWENTY-FIVE dollars and this is a life membership, which you may retain or sell at any time.

So I think that a few of you will heed this and hurry down the office or to your committeeman and tell them that you have been educated and that he should hurry and sell you a membership before it is too late. Then when you have done this, don't think that your job is done. You should talk and talk co-op for it will be a good advertizing campaign for our good merchandise that we will handle when the store is completed. I say "We" because the store belongs to us members, the owners. The buyers are the the purchasers. The buyers are profit sharers-they are the ones who will gain at the CO-OP MARKET.

Virginia Legislature To Have Its First CIO Member Soon

CLIFTON FORGE, Va. (LPA)—Although a weakened and frightened Byrd machine managed to score an overall victory in the Virginia primaries last week, liberal and labor forces emerged victorious in a number of communities.

Fo rthe first time in history, a member of the CIO has been nominated to the Virginia House of Delegates. A determined campaign among union members resulted in victory in the Democratic primary for Temple Kessinger.

Kesinger will represent the city of Clifton Forge and Allegheny County. Victory in the Democratic primary is tantamount to election.

Unions involved in the campaign for Kessinger included the Textile Workers-CIO, Fur and Leather Workers-CIO, International Ladies Garment Workers-AFL and various railroad shop and operating brotherhoods.

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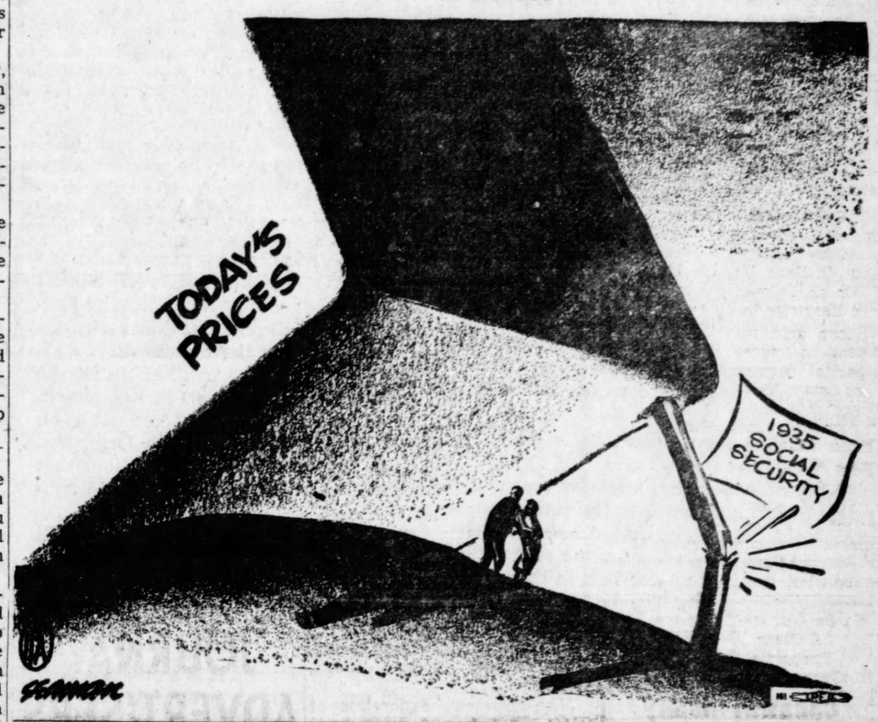

Toledo Stamping Notes

Mary Iannaccone

Glad to welcome Bernice D., in the press room, back after a months' leave.

Congratulations to Bill Pasch, in the die room, on the birth of a baby girl at St. Vincent's Hospital July 31 at 11:56 P. M. Mother and baby are doing well. The baby will be named Penny Sue.

Bob Curtice is on first shift in the press room while Chet is on his vacation.

Pearl Smith is visiting in Tenn. She will be gone two weeks.

Hooray! Shorty is back after six weeks on sick leave. It is nice to hear Shorty laugh once again.

Vera Connolly is the pround owner of a new black Club Coupe Dodge.

Everybody on vacation or layoff be sure their dues are paid up.

Freda, in the press room, has moved into a swank apartment. Lucky girl to find one.

We hope that Barbara K. will find the pictures taken when the plant was first open, and bring them in so all the girls can see them.

Irene E. has gone fishing at Sand Lake.

Myrtle and Alice have gone on their vacation.

Happy Birthday to Fannie W., second shift matron, Aug. 3. How old, Fannie?

Congratulations to Helen Campbell, who celebrated her birthday Sat., Aug. 6.

Now that Elsie is on second shift, her husband and children, take her out to supper at 8 P. M.

Lily is the proud grandma of a baby girl born Aug. 2 at Napoleon Hospital. The baby weighs 7 lbs., 5 oz. and will be named Marilyn Jean.

We are very sorry to hear the love birds, Vera and Ollie, have come to the parting of the ways.

Congratulations to Marabell Wilhelm, who is wearing a beautiful diamond ring on her left hand that says she is engaged.

Don't the Company furnish toothpicks for the girls that comes from days to nights, for eye props.

Congratulations to Edith P. who celebrated her birthday Aug. 9.

The girls in the press room on second shift are rejoicing that Casper is back.

We have forgotten to mention out new matron, Fanny. She is doing a swell job in the kitchen, too.

Peggy is missed, she is working first shift. We reckon she likes it better, her hubby works days.

There is a certain little gal who has had quite a streak of bad luck. First she cashes her check then loses it. On her way home she has an accident but no bruises noticeable. She said that wasn't enough, she had to go and mess up her roaster and iron. Anyway, she's hoping after Saturday her luck will change. She will celebrate her birthday.

We hope you have a very happy birthday and a lucky one, Helen.

We are wondering what happened to Johnny Millers' car. He has been seen taking a bus to work and riding home with the two Helens.

Olive has gone on a two weeks vacation.

Gus Dettinger, in the die room, second shift, left on his two weeks vacation. He will spend it fishing at Black Lake, Northern Michigan. Gus is a good father, he is taking his little boys with him.

Louis Krupp, in the die room second shift, will take a one week vacation. He is flying to Chicago.

Tobin Considers New Minimum For The Aircraft Industry

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin has under advisement proposals to revise the 50-cents-an-hour minimum wage determination for employment in the "Aircraft Manufacturing Industry on Government contracts let under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act. The proposals were presented at a public hearing July 26-27 here.

The united Automobile, Aircraft, Agricultural Implement Workers of America, CIO, and the International Association of Machinists proposed that the present minimum, established in 1938, be raised to $1.15 an hour and submitted evidence intended to show that this is the actual prevailing minimum wage in the bulk of the industry.

The Aircraft Industries Association of America, Inc., contended that its own wage survey disclosed that the prevailing minimum wage is between 80 and 95 cents an hour.

Under provisions of the Public Contracts Act, the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions conduct hearings to obtain evidence to enable the Secretary of Labor to determine prevailing minimum wages in an industry. When a wage determination is made, the wage must be paid to employees in the industry who perform work on Government contracts; where the value of the contract exceeds $10,000.

Summer School Plans Completed

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Workers of America.

"How to Achieve Jobs for All in America"—Professor Glenn Miller, School of Comerce, Ohio State University.

"Workmen's Compensation and Community Services"—Jacob Clayman, Secreatry-Treasurer, Ohio C. I. O. Council and Robert Kinney, Labor-Employee Participation Department Community Chests and Councils.

"How to Publish a Good Union Paper"—Allan L. Swin, Editor National C. I. O. News and Director of Publicity, National C. I. O. News and Director of Publicity, National C. I. O.

"How to Conduct an Educational Program in Local Union"—A. L. Lewis, Director of Education, United Rubber Works.

"How to Take Develop Good Pictures"—A special workshop in photography, Leland Beard.

The list of forums, scheduled for the week of the school, follows:

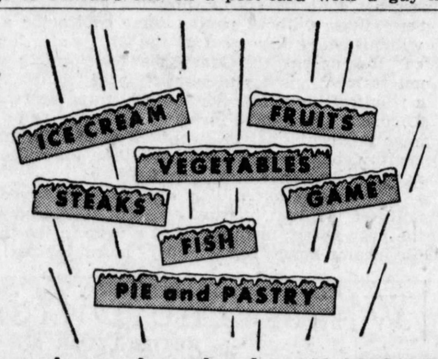
Sunday—"What Kind of America Does C. I. O. Want?—James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer, National C. I. O.

Monday—"PAC Looks at 1950"—Jack Kroll, Director, National CIO-PAC, and President, Ohio C. I. O. Council.

Tuesday—"C.I.O.'s Fight Against Discrimination"—George L. P. Weaver, Director, National C. I. O. Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Wednesday—"Visual Methods in Worker Education"—Geirge Guernsey, Associate Director of Education, National C. I. O. Department of Education and Research.

Thursday—"Common Interests of Farmer and Worker" Leaders from Ohio Fram Bureau, State Grange and C. I. O.



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Girding For Battle

THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL meeting of the United Labor Committee (ULC) last Monday in the Teamster's Hall, with nearly 100 local union leaders from all segments of Organized Labor in attendance, was certainly an inspiring spectacle. Indeed, it was like a tonic for all those who are concerned with the gathering and ever darkening clouds of impending economic and political clashes on the local, as well as the national scene. Despite the oppressive heat, these leaders, headed by such outstanding union officials as Richard Gosser, Charles Ballard, Howard Rediger and a host of others from the powerful UAW-CIO; Harry Card, Franz Berlacher from the AFL Teamsters; Oliver Myers, Frank Fisher and others from the powerful Building Trades Council of the AFL along with representatives from the Railroad Brotherhood and the Mechanics Educational Society of America, laid out the strategy that Organized Labor will follow in the coming election to make sure that the needs of our working population will not be overlooked by those who guide the destiny of our people.

The issues acted upon by the ULC are manifold. Some of them are purely organizational in nature, pertaining solely to the strengthening of our ULC machinery. But there are other issues acted upon that are of vital concern to the people of our community, our state, and even our nation as a whole.

United Labor Committees For The Defeat Of Taft

Unquestionably the most far reaching action of this type concerns the action calling for the creation of United Labor Committees throughout Ohio for the sole purpose of defeating Senator Taft in the 1950 senatorial campaign. The ULC, in calling upon all sections of Organized Labor in Ohio to create such committees, stressed the point that such committees be all-inclusive and set-up solely for the purpose of retiring Mr. Taft from the U.S. Senate.

And this is as it should be. Senator Taft does not, and never did, represent the common people of Ohio. He proved that time and again when he led his reactionary GOP colleagues—together with the equally reactionary Dixiecrats — against every proposal of President Roosevelt's New Deal and now against President Truman's Fair Deal program. He is the principle author of the notorious Taft-Hartley Act aimed directly against the very essence of everything that Organized Labor stands for and fought for from its very beginning.

Certainly this is one issue upon which not only all sections of Organized Labor, but all progressive minded citizens should, and will, join hands together. The ULC can well be proud that it is the organization which has started the ball rolling in this fight which must, and will, result in retiring from the U.S. Senate the darling of special privilege, Mr. Robert Taft.

ULC Will Not Squander Its Voting Strength

The ULC acted wisely, ideed, when it decided — against considerable pressure —that in the forthcoming municipal elections it will give its support to one councilmanic candidate. This is a recognition of its own limitations. Too often in the past labor organizations tended to endorse a great many candidates who were aspiring to local office and who, in their opinion, deserved such support. Almost invariably this resulted in the diffusion of whatever strength Organized Labor possessed with the result that its candidates were sent down to defeat by the highly concentrated and well-oiled political machines.

Well, the ULC wil earnestly try to avoid this mistake in the coming elections. Only one candidate will be given the whole-hearted support—the Number One Choice — of ULC voters. Certainly by concentrating our energies in this sense, victory for our candidate must be practically inevitable.

This, if course, does not mean that labor organizations such as the AFL Central Labor Union, the CIO Toledo Industrial Union Council, the MESA or the Railroad Brotherhoods are prevented from promoting the candidacy of some candidate from their ranks. However, they are urged (1) to get behind the ULC candidate if at all possible and so avoid running a candidate of their own and (2) that if they do decide to endorse their own candidate, give the ULC endorsed candidate their second choice ballots.

Of course, there will be candidates for other offices in our municipal government that the ULC shall endorse, but — as in the councilmanic race — so in these fields the ULC will highly concentrate its effort on those candidates who best deserve the support of its rank-and-file members.

Will Fight To Retain Straight Party Ballot

Turning its attention to state-wide political issues, the ULC declared itself in complete opposition to those who advocate the abolition of the straight party system of election.

It is well known that the people who are presently occupying themselves with the campaigning of trying to abolish the system of straight party balloting are the people who will attempt to move heaven and earth in their effort to re-elect Taft to the U.S. Senate. They want to introduce the so-called "Massachusetts" type of balloting wherein each voter is required to cast a seperate vote for the many candidates in our elections. These people hope that by this method they can re-elect Mr. Taft since they fear that in a regular straight party elction this could not be accomplished.

The ULC feels that this is simply a method to confuse the voters and so insure the re-election of their candidate The ULC is of the opinion that this confusion should be avoided and that can best be accomplished by retaining the type of elections that the electorate of Ohio are familiar with and, therefore, urged all its supporters to oppose the proposed change.

Labor To March In Solid Ranks On Labor Day

The decision of ULC to greet and welcome the already announced plans of both the AFL Central Labor Union and the CIO Toledo Industrial Union Council to march in solid ranks on Labor Day was a fitting climax to its labors. In every one of its actions; in every one of its many declarations the ULC made it plain that it desires to bring about the greatest possible harmony and unity between the various segments of Organized Labor in our community.

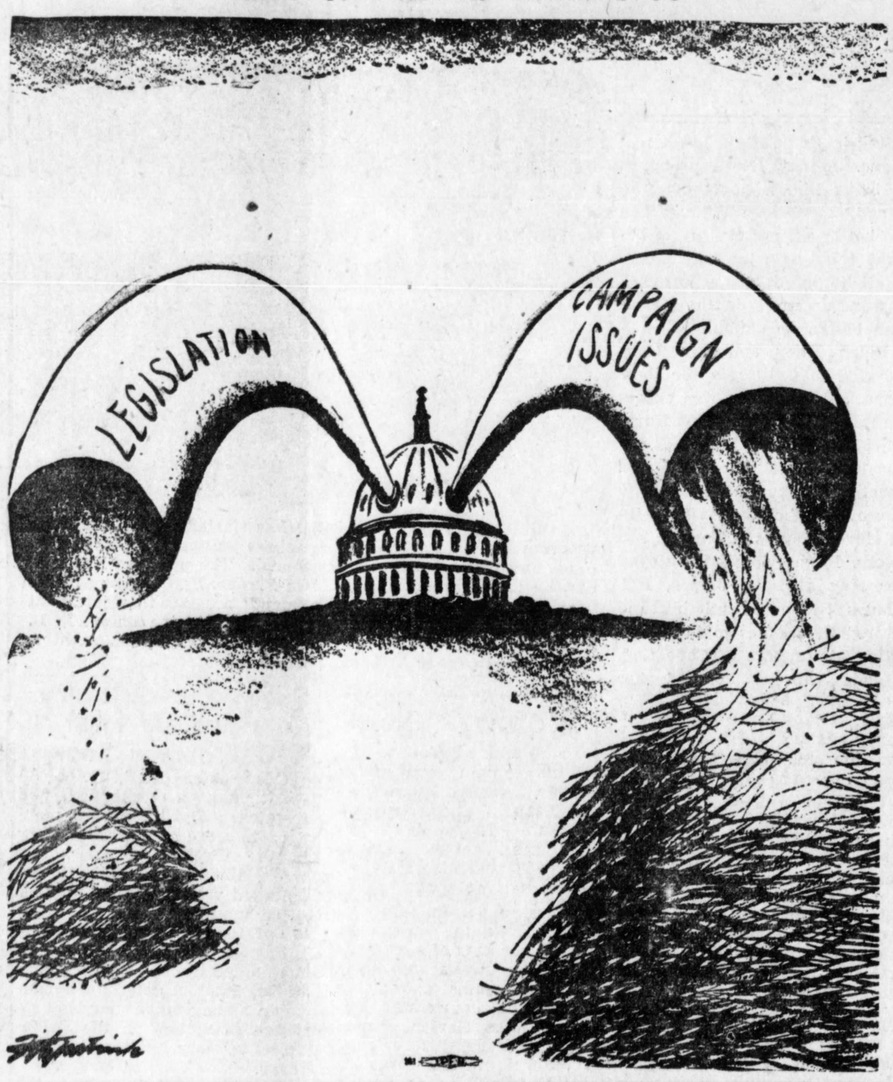
The decision of Organized Labor to march TOGETHER AND IN SOLID RANKS on Labor Day—will certainly enhance this aim. Surely it will be an inspiring sight to watch the thousands of AFL and CIO workers who will line up for the grand parade in one single line of march. Such a demonstration will serve notice on those who are opposed to Organized Labor's just demands and aspirations that they will have a powerful force to contend with.

Such a demonstration of UNITY will inspire the union members themselves for they will see in action how powerful they are when they are all united for a common goal.

All in all, the program of the ULC is a grand program; and it is a program conceived and dedicated to the interests and welfare not only of the working people of our community, state and country, but to the interests of all those who are striving for the creation of a happier land for all of us.

It is a program worthy of your wholehearted support.

WHAT CONGRESS IS TURNING OUT



In Our Opinion

by HOWARD REDIGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of T.I.U.C.

Not all supervision in factories, mines, and industrial enterprise are opposed to organized labor. Much of supervision, especially on the lower level, believe in the principle of collective bargaining and would like to have strong unions. However, those who do like labor are in the minority. Many of supervision have risen from the ranks of labor where at one time they have worked with the rank and file. Their belief in the principle of unionism will never leave them.

All supervision, whether they like unions or not, have been discriminated against by our Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft, the co-author of the Taft-Hartley Act. Title 1, Section 14, Clause A in the Taft-Hartley Act states that supervisors can organize collectively but that management would not have to bargain with them.

In the first instance Taft recognized the need of supervisory organization, when it was permitted by law under the Taft-Hartley Act, and then took the right to organize away from supervision because management does not have to recognize a supervisors organization.

What does this do to supervision? This makes supervision stand out like a sore thumb with no more job rights or security than management wants them to have. In other words you are on your own and you must take it and like it or get out.

But there is something that supervisors, who are favorable to labor, can do about this piece of double-crossing. In the fall of 1950 Mr. Taft will come up for re-election and at that time supervision can go to the polls and cast their ballot against the man who was principally responsible for their inability to organize. They can cast their ballot against the man who said yes you can in one breath and try and get it in the next breath.

Taft did not think enough of supervision, didn't think enough of them to let them better their working conditions and wages to agree to let supervision be recognized. Many supervisors and foremen complain management does not take them far enough into management affairs to make supervision feel, as a whole, that they are really important. Taft went one step farther and put a barrier in their paht by preventing union organization. Mr. Supervisor you try and speak out against this injustice and you will be discharged or be quietly eased out of the organization for incompetence.

Supervision is in a unique situation. They can say very little about their working conditions and they can't even organize collectively and be recognized. They are right out on the limb of Mr. Taft's fine, protecting Taft-Hartley Act and conditions couldn't be much worse if the limb was sawed off.

But, again, the foremen and supervisors who do favor labor, can go to the polls next fall and cast their ballot against Senator Taft. This is the only alternative left since they have been deprived a ballot for the purposes of union organization.

Big business will do all in their power to elect Taft to the Senate in 1950 and there are surface indications big business will try to put him in the White House in 1952. And you Mr. Supervisor and Foreman can help prevent this at the ballot box in 1950.

INSIDE AMERICA

(Written by the Staff of The CIO News)

NOTES IN THE NEWS: Secretary of Commerce Sawyer says the recession is due to "fear' psychology. At the same time, the Census Bureau notes a 300,000 increase in unemployment—to a total of more than 4 million. Maybe those millions of jobless should stop worrying; but a happy smile doesn't necessarily buy groceries.

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Charles White, president of Republic Steel, claims the steel union failed to build a case of why pay boosts are in order.

"I would like to reiterate," potificates Mr. White, "that 1949 wage increases cannot be paid out of 1948 profit."

But on the very same day, a United Press survey of profits registered by 23 steel companies showed a jump from about $200,000,000 in the first half of 1948 to about $300,000,000 in the first half of 1949!

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Actually CIO Steelworkers, led by President Phil Murray, placed one of most comprehensive cases ever marshalled by a union. During five days, before President Truman's fact-finding board in New York, union witnesses poured thousands on thousands of words into the record.

There wasn't much oratory in the presentation. It was a solid, heavy barrage of facts and more facts, charts, statistical tables and graphs.

What it added up to was a highly convincing economic and legal bulwark of the union's demands for wage boosts, pensions, welfare funds.

(Steel industry's presentation begins August 11. Fact-finding board is scheduled to bring out its recommendations by September 1.)

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Taft-Dewey rumpus in ranks of the GOP has finally erupted—with Taft's man winning important national chairmanship of the sorry old elephant. Guy Gabrielson, new party chairman, is a Taft man through and throug—but he squeaked through election by a vote of 52 to 48 against.

Result of internal fuss in GOP is to put Taft — and Taft ideas — in control of party machinery and party policy apparatus. Perhaps symbolic of the new leadership was the major speaker at Republicans' Washington banquet: Will Hays, party chairman in 1919-1921, when Warren Harding was nominated and elected.

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Every so often, big business leaders squabble among themselves. When they do, some interesting statements come to light.

That happened in early August, when Samuel Slotkin—head of Hygrade Food Products—pulled out of the American Meat Institute, the industry's big trade association. Slotkin made his exit with a verbal blow-up.

He said leaders of the $10-billion meat industry were guilty of "old, fogey, Victorian thinking," that they had "failed to cooperate with the government on its reasonable efforts to achieve economic stability."

"It is small wonder, therefore, that our industry is summarily dismissed as hidebound self-seekers, oolivious to the general welfare and concerned only with its own profits.

"It is no surprise that our proposals are looked upon skeptically in responsible circles, and that whatever progressive measures have been enacted affecting our industry have been passed over our last-ditch opposition."

CIO packinghouse union has been saying same sort of thing about meat packing industry for a long time. Union's stand is thus backed up by one o fmost important employers in the industry.

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Ordinarily nothing makes quite as much dull reading as a governmental reorganization program—and most people skip over those news stories after half a glance.

But one reorganization story deserving unions' attention is now coming out of Washington. It's President Truman's proposals to (1) create a Department of Public Welfare, with Cabinet status, to house Uncle Sam's health, social security and other welfare agencies; (2) to send U.S. Employment Service and Bureau of Employment Security back to the Department of Labor.

Both these government agencies should be working as closely as ham and eggs; one finds jobs, the other handles unemployment compensation benefits. Labor Department is logical home for both of the. But business lobby, dead set against building up Labor Department, has opposed the move — and medical association, ranting vaguely about "socialized medicine," is opposed to new Welfare Department.

Both plans—formally known as Reorganization Plans No. 1 and 2—come up for Congressional approval by August 20. Plans go into effect unless Congress says "no."

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This is intended mainly for CIO members in Virginia, but it is certainly interesting to all CIO members:

Last week, a CIO member, Temple Kessinger, won Democratic nomination to the State House of Delegates. Not a single Virginia newspaper mentioned the fact that he is a CIO member — of the Paperworkers — and not a single paper mentioned the fact he is an anti-Byrd man. Kessinger had the strong backing of all labor in his district.

The Byrd machine, incidentally, got the scare of its life in the Virginia primary. For the first time, its winning gubernatorial candidate did not win a majority of the votes.

In Pennsylvania, where all the major cities elect city officials this year, politics is aboil. For the first time since the Earle Administration, Democrats have outnumbered Republicans in new registrations.

Your Congressman Reports

By THOMAS H. BURKE, M. C.

Debate in the House on amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act, commonly called the Minimum Wage Bill, is scheduled to begin Monday. Three proposals will be under consideration, the original Lesinski Bill, a compromise bill, also offered by Mr. Lesinski, chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, and the Lucas Bill.

Tom Burke

Three major changes in the existing law are being proposed. The first is an increase in the minimum wage. Both the original Lesinski Bill and the compromise bill would raise the present 40 cents an hour minimum wage to 75 cents an hour. The Lucas Bill proposes a flexible minimum wage, keyed to the rise and fall of the cost of living.

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The second change involves extension of coverage on minimum wages and maximum hours. The original bill extended coverage by the law to some five million additional workers. The compromise bill removes coverage from some classes of workers already provided for under the law and extends it to others not now covered. It would bring benefits of the law to approximately 150,000 more workers. The Lucas Bill would sharply curtail the present coverage.

There is no dissension on the third change which in all three bills would provide additional safeguards against oppressive child labor.

Both bills proposed by Mr. Lesinski provide for two changes in the administration of the law. They would amalgamate the Wages and Hours Division and the Department of Labor as recommended by the Hoover Commission and would grant to the Secretary of Labor rule making powers and the authority to initiate suits in court for the recovery of wages. These provisions are not included in the Lucas Bill which would further curtail the power of the Secretary of Labor by moving administration of the Child Labor provisions of the act from his jurisdiction to that of the Wage-Hours Administrator.

Having received a number of complaints against 'tax dodging" by co-operatives, I have made a study of the subject and find there are two sides to the picture.

Cooperatives, I have learned, pay all local and state taxes that other enterprises pay. They pay the same taxes as would a partnership, for example. Margins, at the end of each year, are divided among the partners, (co-op members) and they pay tax on the sum as their personal income. When the cooperative earnings are retained for capital purposes, the members agree freely and democratically, that their share shall be so retained and the transaction amounts, legally, to an additional subscription to the cooperative's capital.

The only tax concession made to a cooperative investigation is a delay in reporting the earnings that accrue to the capital fund. This delay during the last decade has benefitted the government because of rising taxes.

Charges of tax favoritism in favor of cooperatives have been made in the Congress for many years, mostly by the National Tax Equality Association. A few years ago, the House Small Business Committee conducted an investigation and hearings on these charges and concluded that cooperatives are a legitimate form of business and are in fair competition with other forms of business.

Currently, my office is doing a piece of research on the Military Aid Plan which, if approved, will mean the sending of military equipment to the European countries that have signed the Atlantic Pact. I believe Toledo products can play an important part in this program and am trying to determine just what the possibilities are

The editor of the Toledo Times has taken exception to my mailing this letter under the franking privileges afforded all Congressmen, on the grounds that it is political propaganda, a campaign device.

Well, I suppose any service a Congressman renders his constituents might be construed to be for political purposes and the editor is splitting a very fine hair in this instance.

Actually, I have intended the letter as a service and an accounting to my constituents. Ideally, I should write each one a personal letter, but that being impossible, I have employed the multigraphed letter, sending it to individuals and organizations through which I hope it will have the widest possible distribution. It goes to political friends and enemies alike. Even those who oppose my points of view have expressed appreciation for this service. The letter goes to both the Blade and the Times, but I can assure you that in sending it, the thought of winning the endorsement of these papers has never crossed my mind.

I have tried to write the letter, not as "Mr. Burke the reporter, writing to the voters of the Ninth District about Mr. Burke, the member of the House of Representatives," but as the steward, giving an account of his stewardship. The many requests to be placed on the mailing list which I have received, indicate to me that it is a wanted service. I believe reporting to my constituents to be among my official duties. I do not believe that it is an abuse of the franking privilege.

Middle-Income Housing Foes Find New Allies

By BRADFORD V. CARTER
LPA Columnist

Any home-seeker, who thought that the home-builders' lobby would stop fighting when a low-income public housing bill was enacted by Congress, now knows better.

This week and last, Congress has been treated to a dose of arguments against the bi-partisan middle-income housing bill, pending before Senate and Touse Banking Commieees.

The bill now up is sponsored by more than 50 members of Congress, both on the Democratic and GOP side, from north and south alike.

It would put up a federal fund of one billion dollars for direct loans to housing co-operatives and non-profit mutual housing associations, and would provide for a special division in the federal housing agency to encourage and provide know-how for housing co-ops.

That direct federal loan provision is the one that has the lobbyists over-heated.

And they have been joined by the insurance companies—which have become in recent years a major source of house-and-apartment building funds—and the bankers of the country.

The Senate Banking Committee is expected to disregard their low moans at the thought of losing all that juicy business. However, this middle-income housing bill may face serious delays and damaging amendments in the House.

The bankers and home builders are also resisting the provision in the middle-income housing bill which would allow the Veterans Administration to make loans to veterans for apartments or middle-cost houses, and they are kicking hard at the limitation of the interest rate for VA-insured loans.

William Green, AFL president, went up to the Hill to urge the Senators to approve the middle-income measure, and the CIO is also working hard for passage. It will be the people who belong to unions, in fact all average American families with incomes of about $50 or $60 a week, who will benefit.

The union lobbyists here are especially concerned about the indifferent attitude of the Federal Housing Administrator, Raymond Foley, toward the co-op sections of the bill.

Many of the co-op housing projects now in the offing started with local unions trying to meet the housing needs of their members. They have already become aware that Foley is very uneasy and almost openly hostile to these new combines of families that intend to construct apartments and houses for themselves, without paying some contractor a fat profit, and without being dependent on the whims of a landlord.

It is urgent that Congress act during this session, if we are not to have another accumulation of "doubled-up" families as a result of the delay. For the past three years, there have been 6,000,000 marriages—formation of new families that should have a decent start in dwellings where they have privacy and healthy conditions. In that same time, only 2,00,000 new dwelling units have been built.

This condition will be somewhat improved by the 180,000 units of low-cost housing already authorized by Congress for the year ahead; but that's just a drop in the bucket. This middle-income homes bill is really "must" legislation.

What's The Difference?

by RUTH TAYLOR

The other day I heard a friend whose judgment I value, say "Most of our troubles, at home as well as abroad, stem from the fact that we don't like anything that is different."

Take the prosaic question of food—though as one who prides herself on her cooking, I resent the imputation that food is prosaic. We are set in our tastes by what is familiar. My little assistant can't understand my fondness for frog legs—but doesn't see why anyone doubts that salt roe and scrambled eggs are the perfect breakfast dish. Remember the complaint of the British Tommy about caviar—"The bloody jam tastes of fish!"

So it is with people. For example, there is the famous story of the Englishman who lived in Paris for twenty years without learning a word of French—he "wasn't going to encourage them in speaking their silly language."

The poor man rails at the sins of the millionaire. The rich man looks at the poor as a weakling. Labor is suspicious of Capital. Capital fears the strength of Labor. You can carry this on indefinitely.

We are too apt to try to make ourselves big by belittling others. Instead of frankly and freely admitting that we have a lot to learn that other people might know, and remembering its correlative thought that maybe we know some things that it would do them good to learn, we set ourselves up in a mirror-lined room. We need to discard the mirrors, open the windows and see what is outside.

No group is perfect. No group has all the knowledge. This resentment of difference is not just a resentment by the majority. The minorities are just as quick to condemn or resent any difference on the part of the majority.

POLIO

Nearly every day our newspapers carry an article on the number and location of cases of polio. We read about these cases with interest and perhaps with dread. The disease is feared largely because of its mystery. But slowly the pieces are being fitted together in one of the most intricate of medical jigsaw puzzles. I believe when you know the relative importance of polio as a killer and a cripplier of children and young adults and some of the basic facts about the disease you will fear it less.

Everyone recognizes that the vast majority of the mild cases are not diagnosed because the symptoms are so mild and of such short duration that most of us are apt to say the boy was off his feed for a couple of days but not really sick. Many of us believe that the polio virus like the measules virus is highly infectious and that practically all of us at one time or another harbor the virus, but that only a very few of us have the bad fortune to have the virus invade the tissues of the brain or spinal cord and thus develop symptoms that are recognizable as polio.

If the disease caused a rash as measules does, we all would recognize how common it is. Better yet, if all persons infected would turn purple for a few days, I am sure that it would be recognized that this disease is so common that it would be very difficult to interest an yof you in it a any time except when a member of your immediate family was acutely ill. You would have the same interest in polio as you now have in many of the oper virus diseases of childhood like measles and chickenpox.

Actually of the few cases that are severe enough to be recognized and diagnosed as poliomyeletis, 40 to 60 per cent will recover completely, or almost completely, without any visible evidence of paralysis. Another 25 to 30 per cent will have only a milr degree of paralysis, 50 to 25 per cent will have suffisient paralysis to be more or less severely handicapped and a few will die.

In addition much can be done for those who have residual paralysis after recovery from the acute stage of the disease. Physical therapy in the last few years has been able to accomplish much in the re-education and restoration of muscles damaged by this or other diseases. Many persons with what appeared to be severe paralysis have made a remarkable recovery of muscle function through modern physical therapy. The District Nurse, a member of a Red Feather Service can be very helpful in caring for convalescent polio patients.

The mystery about polio deepens when we try to discover how the virus is spread from one person to another. There is evidence that it is spread by close, intimate contact. It may be taken in one's food. It may enter from virus-contaminated dishes or hands. It may float in the dust in the air. Another possibility is that it may enter through the unbroken skin. The virus can be found in the intestinal tracts of healthy, normal persons who have no signs of sickness. For every person who becomes ill, hundreds may harbor the virus without any effects. They may even help spread the disease to others. Why some of us are resistant and others susceptible is one of the mysteries of how and why polio spreads.

Another big question is when the disease is spread, why it blazes up in the summer months. It's true, we have cases of polio occurring every month of the year. But with the warm months, the number often rises sharply. The polio virus is tough. It can survive at least six months in the freezing cold of a refrigerator. The way epidemics come in summertime shows there must be something favorable to the spread of the virus at that time. All kinds of theories as to how it is spread are being exhaustively investigated — insects, food, water, et cetera. The blue-and-green-bottle flies have been found carrying the virus. But there's no conclusive evidence that flies spread the disease to humans. In sewage, the virus is found. But again, there is no proof that the disease is spread from polluted water.

The simple truth?—we don't know how polio is spread. We do not know who is immune to the disease. And so we don't know whom it will attack, or how to prevent it. There are precautions we can take, particularly for young children when the disease reaches epidemic proportions.

Avoid any crowded place where they will have close contact with many persons. Watch out that they don't become overfatigued from too active play, over-work, late hours, or irregular living schedules. Avoid swimming in lakes and streams that are polluted with sewage.

On that picnic or day excursion, bring a complete change of clothing along for each member of the family. A few good warm blankets should be standard outing equipment,

Another must is personal is personal cleanliness. Extra care should be taken to see that hands are thoroughly washed after using the toilet and before eating. Food should be kept covered free from flies and other insects. In the same token, garbage that is not tightly covered should be burned or buried. Cleanliness also means not using somebody else's personal itmes — such as handkerchiefs, or eating utensils.

These precautions guard against general disease spread. By being careful in these ways, it is felt that perhaps people can reduce the spread of polio, in spite of the fact we actually do not know how it is spread. Frankly, the precautions should be practiced all the time, not just during an epidemic. They're good, common-sense health rules.

The same type of precautions apply in case of illness. Call your doctor at once if there are symptoms of head-ache, nausea, upset stomach, muscle soreness or stiffness, or an unexplained fever. The biggest weapons against polio which your doctor has are early diagnosis and prompt treatment. These are more important than any other factors in helping to prevent crippling. If your doctor orders hospital care, see that this advice is followed promptly.

The symptoms I listed could be caused by many, many different conditions. Often a child complains of stiffness of the back or neck, and this is a more important sign that his illness may be the beginning of an attack of polio. In the arly stages there are often pains in the legs arms, and other muscles. Muscles may be tender to the touch and show signs of rigidity. The very vagueness of the early complaints like slight fever and headache is the reason why many cases of polio are completely overlooked. The attack is so mild that the person recovers completely. To play safe, call your doctor when you spot any of these signs of illness in your child.

Polio is generally believed to be primarily a disease of the spinal cord and the central nervous system. Apparently, the paralyzing stage of the disease continues for only a relatively short period of time. Usually the virus has done all the damage it is going to do within a few days. For that reason, the bed rest is extremely important at the onset. This can't be over-emphasized. The paralysis can be made worse if the victim fights the disease and keeps trying to be active.

In the past, polio claimed most of its victims among children under five years of age. But now the pattern is changing. The disease is affecting more children over five, more teenagers and more young adults. Among adults, it's becoming a little more common among housewives than it was ten to twenty years ago. This change in age groups affected is so marked that the disease really should be called poliomyeletis, rathe than its common name, infantile paralysis. This increased occurence among adults is happening in nearly all parts of the world. This change in age distribhtion has been noted particularly in America and the Scandinavian countries who enjoy high standards of living and good sanitation. It is belived that through improved environment more children escape exposure in early life only to be exposed and contract the disease as adults. The same has been noted for other childhood diseases like measles, mumps, chickenpox, et cetera.

When one compares the deaths for a 10-year period you find that polio belongs in the category of measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and only slightly exceeds any one of these diseases in its total deaths and crippling of children. When reviewed over a period of thirty years it is clearly shown that polio exceeds these diseases in importance today only because control measures have made a marked reduction in the severity and consequently the mortality of the common communicable diseases of childhood.

In conclusion, let's remember two points:

1. Polio is feared because it is a mystery.

2. It is of relative slight importance as a cause of death and crippling when compared to the other diseases. Let's treat it accordingly.

SPEEDY MUSIC

HOLLYWOOD—Ann Sothern and Danny Scholl completed the musical number, "Time and Time Again" in the record time of one and a quarter days instead of the scheduled three days allotted for the musical specialty in "Nancy Goes to Rio."

Star Dust
STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

BY INEZ GERHARD

VANESSA BROWN typifies everything that a young actress chestnut hair and blue eyes, she ought to be. Very pretty, with has managed, at 20, to complete her college course and make pictures at the same time. Asked how it happened that she was chosen for the maid of the all-star cast of Paramount's "The Heiress," she laughed and said

VANESSA BROWN

she'd been teaching William Wyler's daughter to swim; after testing older actresses he realized that Vanessa was right for the role, her ninth. You've heard her on the air—she toured Alaska with "Vox Pop," has appeared on the Screen Guild and other important shows. She writes, too; has sold three stories to a newspaper syndicate.

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Five of filmland's glamour girls recognize a voice that has made love to them when they tune in Mutual's "Scattergood Baines." Wendell Holmes, who plays "Scattergood," has played the romantic lead opposite Joan Fontaine, Dorthy McGuire, Veronica Lake, Claire Trevor and Madeleine Carroll. He's also tops at impersonating Winston Churchill on the air.

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John Miljan deserted films two years ago to devote his time to his avocado ranch at Vista, Calif., but could not resist the role of "Mr. Howard" in "Mrs. Mike," the Dick Powell-Evelyn Keyes starrer being produced for United Artists.

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When Guy Lombardo does the summer replacement for Phil Harris, starting July 3, his show will feature the "Musical Autographs" format that gave him one of the highest Hooper ratings of any musical program aired during the war years.

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As if Ben Grauer didn't have enough to do (he's all over the air!) he contributed his services recently for the documentary short, "For Us the War Goes On," about the mutilated war children of Italy, who will receive the proceeds.

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Joan Fontaine in "Bed of Roses' will be back at RKO for the first time since she starred in "From This Day Forward" in 1945. A modern drama, it stars her as an iron-willed girl with an insatiable desire to have her own way. Friends who knew her and Olivia de Haviland in their school-girl days say the beautiful Joan herself always always had a way of getting what she wanted.

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Crooner Jack Owens of ABC Breakfast Club fame came in for severe criticism after his 8-year-old daughter Noel visited his show recently. Disapprovingly silent at dinner that night, she finally explained to him — "I really don't think it's very nice of you to go around sitting on ladies' laps and singing to them when you have a wife and three children at home!"

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Ray Morgan, announcer for Mutual's "Take a Number," heard Saturday evenings, is a minister of the Congregational church. He has no church of his own, but substitutes for vacationing or ill ministers near his Long Island home.

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Jane Wyman began her Hollywood career as a blonde, went dark for a couple of years when she danced in chorus lines, then dyed her hair red. "The Yearling" was her last blonde appearance, but instead of starting the cycle all over again she has kept it various shades of brown. She says it will stay brown, and natural, as it is in "The Octapus and Miss Smith."

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Bill Lawrence, who has been singing for the last six months on Arthur Godfrey's broadcasts, has been selected to pinch-hit for Perry Como on the Supper Club show this summer, but will continue to appear with Godfrey as usual.

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Dennis Morgan has a new reducing formula—"a one-mile foot race with my 12-year-old son every morning." The daily contest has been going on for six weeks. So far Morgan has lost all the races.

EXPERT HORSEWOMAN

Gail Russell, starred in Pine-Thomas' "El Paso," Paramount release, is an expert horsewoman. She demonstrates her riding ability in "El Paso," drama of the Old West.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Easily Tongues Tongue Twisters

HOLLYWOOD—Ross Ford has reason to be good at tongue twisters. Ross has a big scene which runs almost two minutes in Columbia's "Air Hostess," and which requires him to read several pages of dialogue in rapid fire fashion.

Director Lew Landers was concerned as to whether Ross would stumble over the long speech. "Don't worry about me," Ross assured Landers. "I made my stage debut in a William Saroyan play, 'Jim Dandy'—and after that any kind of dialogue seems easy."

Garson, Pinza, Teamed In Romantic Comedy

HOLLYWOOD — "Mr. Imperium," an original comedy by Edwin Knopf, has been set as the first starring picture for Ezio Pinza, singing star of the Broadway smash musical, "South Pacific," under his long-term Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contract. It goes before cameras July 1, 1950, with Greer Garson in the co-starring spot.

Knopf's original, for which he will also write the screenplay, deals with the king of a mytrical country who travels to Palm Springs to resume a romance with a motion picture star, portrayed by Miss Garson. Knopf will also produce his original story. Except for one Western ballad, Pinza will do no singing in "Mr. Imperium."

FOUR FBI MEN

Keith Richards, Bert Davidson, Dave Clark and Robin Short play a quartet of FBI men helping Dennis O'Keefe track down an international network of spies seeking atom bomb secrets in "Walk A Crooked Mile."

George "Gabby" Hayes and Dick Foran, favorites with Western movie fans, will be seen together in Pine-Thomas' "El Paso," Paramount color release. John Payne, Gail Russell and Sterling Hayden are other co-stars in the frontier adventure film.

ACTION MEN

Producers William Pine and William Thomas continue their policy of making outstanding action pictures for Paramount. Their next production will be "El Paso," filmed in color to co-star John Payne, Gail Russell, Sterling Hayden and George "Gabby" Hayes.

RIVALS GET TOGETHER

Just to prove that all isn't knives in the back out Hollywood way, Gene Autry is filming practically all of his current film, Columbia's "The Cowboy and The Indians," at Pioneertown, Calif. Roy Rogers onws a good slice of the place.

CHAMP FEUDS WITH "CHAMP"

Gene Autry's horse, Champion, is swishing his tail angrily during his scenes in Columbia's "The Cowboy and The Indians." According to people who talk to horses, he thinks a rival company's film, "The Chamion," is stealing his thunder.

Screen Star at Home

DEBORAH KERR, M-G-M star, is shown here with her charming year-and-a-half-old daughter, Melanie Jane. Miss Kerr, a lovely English importation, was currently seen in "Edward, My Son," opposite Spencer Tracy. In private life, she is Mrs. Tony Bartley.

Screen Stars Turn To Broadway Stage

HOLLYWOOD — Time was when Hollywood latched onto most of its big-name talent by raiding the Broadway boards. Success on the stage was an open sesame to the sound stages.

However, like multiple petticoats and shaving mugs, the style has changed. Examine the Broadway playbill for proof, suggests Paul Kelly, the film veteran who went east to win every critical award in the legitimate production, "Command Decision."

"Henry Fonda's doing okay in 'Mister Roberts'," enthuses Kelly, back in Hollywood after a 68-week run to star with Barbara Stanwyck and Wendell Corey in Hal Wallis's "File On Thelma Jordon," a suspense picture.

"Ralph Bellamy's a big hit in 'Detective Story'. Ralph and I played so many coppers on the screen were about due for a pension. Lee Tracy, also noted as a movie cop and reporter, is grabbing critical plaudits for his stage chore in 'The Traitor.' And there are plenty others."

Better Performers

Kelly is right. New York producers have become extremely Hollywood conscious, some even good film player almost always is a better actor than performers going so far as to admit that a with no screen experience.

Only recentl, Charles Boyer closed in "Red Gloves" after a fair-to-midling run in a play the critics didn't like, except for his sensitive portrayal of the male lead. Whatever success the production enjoyed was a tribute to Boyer alone.

Another similar example is Clifford Odets' current effort, "The Big Knife," which reviewers have panned as mediocre in all departments except acting and direction. Yet the play continues to run, and only because its star is Hollywood's John Garfield, a popular personal favorite.

Hollywood's Jackie Cooper, in Chicago, is doing his first stage play, "Magnolia Alley," a comedy by George Batson. Cooper is 100 per cent a movie product. And Jessica Tandy, whose won its greatest recognition through films, still stars in "A Streetcar Named Desire." One of the longest runs is Madeleine Carroll's in "Goodbye, My Fancy."

Along musical avenues, Hollywood is represented by William Eythe as producer and star of "Lend An Ear" and Patricia Morison in Kiss Me Kate."

GODDARD GETS CLOTHES

After slinking around in sleazy, if sexy, clothes for Columbia's "Anna Lucasta," Paulette Goddard had famed modiste Marusia of Hollywood design a complete wardrobe, for both day and evening wear, prior to starting her vacation in Mexico.

BOAT LIFE

Sterling Hayden, his wife and their young baby daughter are living on the star's schooner at San Pedro, Calif. Hayden is currently co-starring with John Payne, Gail Russell and George "Gabby" Hayes in Pine-Thomas' "El Paso," color release for Paramount.

SIDE-BURNS

John Payne wears long sideburns fr his co-starring role in Pine-Thomas' "El Paso," Paramount color release. Gail Russell, Sterling Hayden and George "Gabby" Hayes appear with him in the frontie radventure story. This will be Payne's first western role.

"East Side, West Side" Goes Before Cameras

HOLLYWOOD — With a key scene which sets the pace for the entangling of five lives, M-G-M's dramatic "East Side, West Side" has been lanuched before the cameras.

Opening sequence filmed by Director Mervyn LeRoy found James Mason and Van Heflin meeting for the first in the film, under trying circumstances.

Starring Barbara Stanwyck, Mason, Heflin and Ava Gardner, "East Side" is directed by Mervyn LeRoy and produced by Voldemar Vetluguin. Featured in the film adapted from the Marcia Davenport novel are Cyd Charisse, Gale Sondergaard, Mary Astor and Leon Ames.

Picture is LeRoy's first directorial assignment since "Any Number Can Play," Clark Gable starring film.

Joel McCrea Heads Cast In "Outriders"

HOLLYWOOD — Joel McCrea has been signed by M-G-M to play the star role in "Outriders," new Western epic to be produced by Richard Goldstone and directed by Roy Rowland.

Based on an original screenplay by Irving Ravetch, the post-Civil War period Western also includes Claude Jarman, Jr. in the cast.

The film is star's second this year for M-G-M. McCrea completed the role of a Tennessee parson last month in "Stars in My Crown," filmization of the best selling novel, produced by William H. Wright.

ETHEL PLAYS NUN

HOLLYWOOD — M-G-M's exciting story of post-war Vienna, "The Red Danube," starring Walter Pidgeon, Peter Lawford, Angela Lansbury and Janet Leigh, marks Ethel Barrymore's second portrayal of a nun during her career. She was also a nun in one of her outstanding stage plays — Philip Barry's "The Joyous Season."

BUSY BYINGTON

HOLLYWOOD—M-G-M's romantic Technicolor musical "In the Good Old Summertime," starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson, marks the seventieth screen role for Spring Byington since launching her film career in 1933. Her first motion picture role was in 'Little Women.'

K-K-K-Katie

LOVELY ENOUGH to make any man stutter is fetching Kathryn Grayson, M-G-M's singing star, who will be seen soon in the Technicolor musical, "That Midnight Kiss," which also features newcomer, Mario Lanza.

HOLDEN GETS SLAPPED

After ten years of moviemaking, William Holden finally got his first slap from a lady. The lady was Lucille Ball and she didn't pull her punches when she hit him an even dozen times for a sequence in Columbia's "Miss Grant Takes Richmond."

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SPORTS

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Sports Editor
Local 12 Recreation Director

Football sponsored by the Labor Unions in Toledo has taken a great step forward with the announcement that the United Labor Committee of the Ninth Congressional District will sponsor the heavyweight football team which formerly played under the colors of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Birdie Rule

Under the new arrangement, the team will receive the good wishes and support of all of the working class in Toledo. Thousands more of the labor class in Toledo will take a direct interest in the team which will be playing for them.

Already practice sessions have begun for the squad which will be hereafter known as the United Labor team. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night the huskies of former high school and college teams run through their plays and formations in a strong effort to be included in the final selections which will be made by coaches William "Bing" Crosby and Victor "Red" Irvine, both well known in Toledo high school and semi-pro circles.

Strong Teams Coming Here

Some of the strongest independently organized teams in Ohio will make their appearance here during the coming season which will have an early opening date when the United Labor team entertains the powerful Mansfield Merchants on Sunday, September 11.

Other cities represented by teams in the Ohio Football League are Massillon, Akron, Marion, Mansfield, Sandusky, and Bucyrus. To the oldsters in Toledo, these names are synonymous of strong, hard-playing football teams which came here several years ago to play the Toledo Maroons on the Armory Park gridiron, site of the present Federal Building on Spielbusch Avenue.

Some of the former Toledo high school, collegiate, and semi-pro football players who are attending regular practice sessions at C.Y.O. Field are Richard "Porky" Jennings, James Kolwitz, Harold Boyd, Bobby Sarchiz, Harry Broadway, Jack Henning, Bob Best, Richard Mauthe, Edward Brown, Joseph Skillman, Walter Gunlite, Bob Heyman, Charles Miller, Dean Livingston, Morris Berry, Carl Damico, Melvin Albrecht, Gene Comstock, Eddie Estes, Roy Finley, Frank Nowak, Jr., James Zettner, Sonny Miller, Gail Anderson, Jr., Chuck Leck, Geo. Scully, Pete Giacolone, Fred Haddad, Jr., Robert Grove, Irvin Raczkowski, Art Muszynski, Walter Banikowski, Ray Feldt, Tillis Ewing, Harold Rader, Bob Jenkins, Joe Cuttaia, Don Smith, and Hugo Collins. Howard Braun is assistant manager, Pop Papuchike is equipment manager, assisted by Bob Shepler.

This fine array of football talent will carry the hopes of the United Labor Committee during the coming football season.

Thousands of Toledo football fans are waiting for the opening game and will take personal pride in the team which will play their best under the banner of the United Labor Committee.

EUROPEAN DELICACY

The carp, considered one of the less desirable of rough fish by American fishermen, is a highly prized food fish in many European countries.

Kiddies Help Build Local 12 Playground

After several weeks of planning and work by Stanley Helminiak and his "gang" of boys and girls, the Local 12 playground, at the corner of Ashland Avenue and Batavia Street, has become a reality. "Uncle Stanley", as he is called by the kiddies, is supervisor of the playground and directs the activities played there.

The picture on the left shows some of the girls who make up a fine junior softball team. The girls are left to right. Arlene Zielinski, Ramona Zaleski, Mary Lou Zarnoch, and Frances Gajewski. Back row, Helen Karpik, Donna Soldner, Josephine Tylinski, and Joan Zielinski.

In the center picture, some of the youngsters watch as James Carothers uses his tractor to smooth out the ground for better playing.

The likely looking group of young huskies on the right are some of the lads picked by the supervisor to represent the playground in softball games. The boys are, left to right, front row, Gerald Regulski, Denny Winchowski, Chester Zabodka, Dan Kruzel, Ronald Zak, Bill Johnson, and Edwin Sylak. Back row, Ray Szczublewski, Richard Kruzel, Bernie Ross, Tony Sybak, Earl Norman, Frank Kolinski, and Alvin Zakrzewski.

Besides the ball diamond, there will be places for horse shoes, volleyball, basketball, cement shuffleboard, and an archery range. According to supervisor Helminiak, the playground will be open for both boys and girls. The neighborhood kiddies, too, are invited to partake of the facilities of the Local 12 playground.

Hornets-Browns Contest At Glass Bowl Sunday

When the three-time All-America Football Conference Cleveland Browns square off against the new and flashy Chicago Hornets in the first major professional game of the year, only one thing will be uppermost in the minds of both clubs. Can the Hornets repeat the stunt pulled here by the Baltimore Colts a year ago?

Just 12 months ago this August, the Colts tossed a pre-season bombshell into the pro grid ranks by spilling the touted Browns in a 21-17 thriller before 13,000 fans in Scott High School Stadium here. It was the only loss of the entire season for the mighty Browns who recovered to sweep to their third straight AAC championship.

The situations are remarkably parallel. Like the Colts of last year, the Hornets are a spanking new club, eager for a crack at the champions to prove their mettle. Like the Colts, this first game means more than a little to the new Chicago entry. Like the Colts, the Hornet roster is studded with stars, both veterans and ambitious rookies.

You can be certain the Baltimore success of last year will be a great tonic to the Hornets when the whistle blows in the University of Toledo's Glass Bowl at 2 p.m., Sunday afternoon. But you can be equally sure Paul Brown and his crew will have vowed that there will be no slip-up this time.

The result should be an all-time high in football classics for the Toledo area.

UAW Team Again Beats Jim Whites

Michigan Releases Pheasants Early

JACKSON, Aug., 5—Release of 20,000 birds of the year in southern Michigan pheasant areas will start early in August, announces conservation department regional game supervisor, Larry Dayton. Distribution will be spread among close to 50 counties.

More than 2,000 older breeders from the Mason state game farm already have been turned loose in 18 counties during the last two months, Dayton reports. Some 1,300 more are slated for release in the next two weeks. The stocking ratio is about five hens to one cock.

Local 12 Men's All-Star Team Winning Games

The Local 12 All-Star Men's softball team continues to defeat all teams which it meets in competition. During the past week, the team, under the management of Billy Borden and Nick Velliquette, won two more hotly-contested games.

Last Thursday night, the All-Stars journeyed to Whitehouse where they played the Whitehouse Merchants. It was a decided 5 to 1 victory for Local 12 as the Merchants were able to collect only three scattered hits off the slants of Al Dart; Local 12 pitcher. Dart also struck out ten opposing batsmen. Gabe Pinciotti, Stiney Kaczmarek, and Dick Ringle led the hitting in the Local 12 victory.

Monday night, at C.Y.O. Field, the Local 12 All-Stars unleashed some powerful hitting as they defeated the classy Lenk's Cafe nine to the tune of 15 to 1.

Johnny Ankney, on the mound for the All-Stars, had a no-hit game until the seventh inning when a clean single spoiled his dream of the perfect victory. Ankney got four hits to aid in the score, while the Pinciotti brothers; Gabe and Tony, got four and three hits, respectively. Not to be completely outdone by the Pinciotti brothers hitting act the Manera brothers, Leo and Jim chipped in with two hits apiece for the Union cause. Manager Bill Borden also connected for two safe hits.

BASEBALL BRIEFS:

The American League's night game won and lost records show that the league-leading New York Yankees know their way around after dark. The Casey Stengel crew, through games of July 19, had won 15 out of 20 games played under the lights and had won seven out of eight night contests played in their own Yankee Stadium.

Play Arnold Appliances At Merrill Field Sunday

Again, the Local 12 baseball team showed its strength and lived up to the name of "giant killers" when the Union payers defeated the powerful Jim Whites at Merrill Field, last Saturday, by the score of 7 to 4.

The Whites took a three-run lead in the first inning and Local 12 came back in the third inning to score two runs on singles by Bob Varney, Artie Kubacki, and a three bagger by Bob Kubicz. In the next stanza, Danny Marquette, Local 12 pitcher, smacked a sizzling three-base hit and scored moments later on another single by Bob Varney, tying the score at 3-all.

Danny Marquette and Bob Kubicz made up the Local 12 battery, while Ten Eyck and Snyder did the chores for Jim Whites, with Dick Maugle replacing Snyder behind the plate for the Automen. It was the fourth straight win for Marquette.

Bob Varney got four out of five, Artie Kubacki hit safe three times in five trips to the plate, Johnny Eggl got two for two, and Marquette got two for the Local 12 victory.

Next Sunday, Local 12 will entertain the Arnold Appliance nine on the Merrill Field diamond. Game time is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Marquette will again work on the mound for Local 12 and will be opposed by Bob Perry, top man of the Arnold pitching staff.

Local 12 Girls Play In District Tourney Tonight At Napoleon

The Local 12 All-Star Girls will compete, tonight, in the Northwestern Ohio District tournament at Napoleon, Ohio. Local 12 will compete against the winner of the Liberty Center- Defiance game which was played last night. The game will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The Toledoans, who are the defending district champions by virtue of their victories in last year's tourney will play the winner of the Perrysburg-Napoleon fracas which was also played Thursday night.

Should the Local 12 Girls win tonight, they will, in all probability play the Whitehouse Lehman Girls at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, in Napoleon.

Stan Olson, manager of the Local 12 Girls, say that his team is in fine shape for the tournament and are strong favorites to repeat their feat of last year when the district tourney was held here at Highland Park.

What is Joe DiMaggio's record for home runs in 1 season?

46 in '37.

District Defending Champions

These are the Local 12 All-Star Girls who will defend their Northwestern Ohio District softball championship, tonight, at Napoleon, Ohio. Those pictured above are, front row, Pat Snyder, Elaine Langendorfer, Marion Vogt, and Edna Bretschneider. Second row, Louie Smith, coach, Betty Bridenbaugh, Helen Lamoreaux, Myrtle Tully, Jean Langendorfer, and Stanley Olson, manager. Back row, Theresa Jacob, Pat Budd, Marty Farmer, Jim Tully, scorer, Florence Sheldon, Betty Snyder, and Cora Gordon.

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Large Fox Shot Near Lansing

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The running fox was dropped at a distance of 225 yards on Glassen's farm near Lansing.. Examined by department pathologists, it was nearly four feet long and weighed 11 pounds.

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